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ATTENTION: MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventors: **Richard S. Wallace, et al.**

For: **WEIGHT LIFTING PLATE**

- (X) This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/071,765, which was filed on May 1, 1998, the entirety of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Enclosed are:

- (X) Nine (9) sheets of drawing.
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- (X) A copy of Declaration from prior application is enclosed.
- (X) A small entity statement was filed in the prior application, and such status is still proper and desired.
- (X) **Applicants' statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.607:**

Applicants seek an interference between the present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,436,015 ("the '015 Patent), to Frasco et al, which issued on August 20, 2002. The text of Claims 1-9 of the present application has been copied from Claims 1-4 and 6-10, respectively, of the '015 Patent.

- (X) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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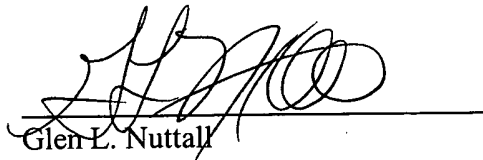
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